IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

TAKESHITA et al.

Art Unit: 1651

Application No.: 10/791.853

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ALCOHOL BY USING MICROORGANISM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2008, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to April 20, 2008.

The period for response has previously been extended to

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Respectfully submitted,

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